

Remarks

As stated above, the applicant appreciates the examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Concerning Items 1-2 of the subject action, the Examiner has objected to the title of the subject application. In response to this objection, the applicant has amended the title of the subject application to "Speech Recognition System and Method for Generating Phonetic Estimates".

Concerning Items 3-4 of the subject action, the Examiner rejects claims 6-9 under 35 USC §112, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. While the applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection, the applicant has cancelled claims 6-9.

Concerning Items 5-6 of the subject action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 11-17, 19-20, 22-23 and 26, under 35 USC §103, based on the combination of the teachings of Kroeker et al (i.e., U.S. Patent No.: 5,168,524) and Rabiner et al. (i.e., *Digital Processing of Speech Signals*, Prentice Hall, 1978). While the applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection, the applicant has cancelled claims 1-3, 11-17, 19-20, 22-23 and 26.

Concerning Item 7 of the subject action, the Examiner objects to claims 4-5, 10, 18, 21, 24-25 and 27, as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner states that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base and any intervening claims.

In response to this objection, the applicant has amended claims 4-5, 10, 18, 21, 24 and 27 as follows:

- claim 4 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claims 1, 2 and 3;
- claim 5 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claims 1, 2 and 3;
- claim 10 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claims 1, 2 and 3;
- claim 18 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claim 1;
- claim 21 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claim 19;
- claim 24 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claim 22; and
- claim 27 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claim 22.

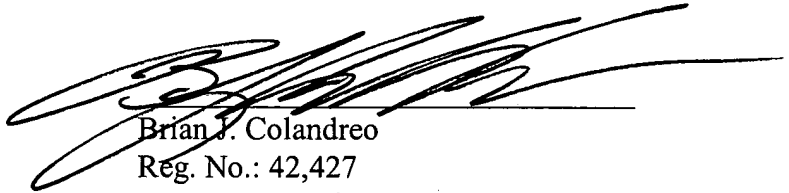
While claim 25 has not been amended, it now depends upon amended claim 24, an allowable base claim.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. The applicant respectfully asserts that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 50-1133.

If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding issues to be resolved with respect to the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at their earliest convenience so that such issues may be resolved telephonically.

Respectfully submitted,

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